

December 22, 1917.

Alaska Salmon Co.,
110 Market Street,
San Francisco, Calif.

Gentlemen:

Your reports of fishery operations at Wood River and Kvichak, Alaska, in 1917 are returned herewith in order that you may insert important additional data or make explanation of certain items therein to which attention is called by the notations in red ink.

In connection with canning operations at Wood River the report shows that 188 fishermen and 7 shoresmen were employed, and that \$82,267.69 was paid to them as wages. It is presumed that an error was made in stating the number of shoresmen or by including them with the fishermen. No mention is made of the employment of any transporters although you operated two sailing vessels. By referring to your report of operations at Wood River in 1916 it will be seen that you reported the number of persons employed as follows:

Fishermen	72
Shoresmen	129
Transporters	19

This disparity in numbers suggests the probability of error in your 1917 report. A segregation of the wages paid workmen according to the classifications indicated should be made.

It is noted on your report of salting operations at Kvichak that the operating or cash capital was the "same as Wood River," which was \$180,085. A division of this capital between the two plants is desired in order that the amounts used in the respective industries may be shown in our tabular reports.

The value of the pickled product should be shown for each species according to pack.

Extra forms are enclosed herewith for your use in the event that you find it more convenient to make out new reports than to correct the old ones.

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Please give this matter prompt attention.

Very truly yours,

Enclosures.

H. M. Smith.

Commissioner.